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SUBJECT: SCI/TECH DIRECTOR UNO TO VISIT US?

SUMMARY. IN RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW, SCI/TECH DIRECTOR GENERAL UNO TOOK FIRM LINE ON NEED FOR TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY TO START ON SCHEDULE IN JULY AND MENTIONED POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT VISIT US IN LATE MAY. RELATED PRESS REPORT FROM LONDON, ATTRIBUTED TO SOURCE ACCOMPANYING PRIMIN FUKUDA, STATED THAT BASED ON CARTER-FUKUDA BILATERAL, UNO WOULD VISIT US IN MAY TO NEGOTIATE TOKAI START-UP WITH PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT SCHLESINGER. END SUMMARY.

1. IN TWO RECENT PRESS INTERVIEWS, SCI/TECH DIRGEN UNO TOOK FIRM LINE ON JAPANESE NEED FOR FAST BREEDER TECHNOLOGY AND REPROCESSING CAPACITY. HE NOTED JAPANESE ECONOMY WOULD DOUBLE IN TWELVE YEARS AND EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF OIL WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME TO MEET JAPAN'S REQUIREMENTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT PRESENT
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JAPANESE URANIUM SUPPLIES WOULD LAST ONLY TWELVE YEARS WITH CURRENT TECHNIQUES BUT COULD LAST OVER 100 WITH FAST BREEDER TECHNOLOGY. TO ASSURE JAPAN ADEQUATE ENERGY SOURCES AND MEASURE OF ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY, FAST BREEDER TECHNOLOGY AND, TO ENABLE ITS USE, REPROCESSING CAPACITY WERE ESSENTIAL. STRESSING LONG LEAD TIMES INVOLVED, UNO ASSERTED JULY OPENING OF

TOKAI MURA ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

2. COMMENTING ON US NUCLEAR POLICY, UNO STRESSED DIFFERENCES IN US AND JAPANESE ENERGY SITUATIONS AND HIS VIEW THAT CURRENT US POLICY CONTRARY TO ARTICLE FOUR OF NPT. HE WAS "MORTIFIED" AT THOUGHT THAT JAPAN OF ALL NATIONS MIGHT BE SUSPECTED OF PUTTING NUCLEAR ENERGY TO MILITARY USE.

3. UNO OBSERVED HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH CHARGE AND VISITING US CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND, AS RESULT, THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE SITUATION WAS IMPROVING, UNO SAID HE ALSO ASKED FUKUDA TO RAISE MATTER AT DOWNING STREET SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT, EXPLAINING SITUATION AS ONE OF "LIFE OR DEATH" FOR JAPAN. NOTING TIME HAD COME TO SPEAK FRANKLY WITH US, UNO NOTED HE MIGHT VISIT US IN LATE MAY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, YOMIURI LONDON CORRESPONDENT MAY 8 QUOTED "SOURCE ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA" THAT, ON BASIS OF FUKUDA-CARTER TALK, FUKUDA WOULD SEND UNO TO US IN MAY TO NEGOTIATE JULY TOKAI REPROCESSING PLANT START-UP. SOURCE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT UNO WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT SCHLESINGER AND THAT OKIA ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY FROM STUDIES OF NONPROLIFERATION AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR USAGE AGREED ON AT DOWNING STREET SUMMIT. DURING MAY 7 MEETING WITH FUKUDA, YOMIURI SAID PRESIDENT HAD STATED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD JAPAN'S POSITION AND EXPRESSED READINESS
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TO RESUME BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.

5. MAY 10 AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED THAT UNO REITERATED TO PRESS THIS MORNING HIS DESIRE TO VISIT US IN NEAR FUTURE "TO BREAK THE IMPASSE" ON US-JAPAN NUCLEAR ISSUES.

6. COMMENT: UNO'S COMMENTS TO JAPANESE PRESS SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT OF THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSUMPTION. FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THEY WERE MADE BEFORE PM FUKUDA'S RETURN THIS AFTERNOON WITH AUTHORITATIVE POST-LONDON SUMMIT GUIDANCE.
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